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SUBJECT: COORDINATING SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVICE TO GROC

REF: HUMMEL LETTER AUG 16

FOR EA ACTING ASST SEC HUMMEL

1. HOPE TAIPEI 5430 REASSESSING US SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTION AND ROC WEAPONS SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS ALLAYS CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN YOUR LETTER. FOR THE RECORD, CURRENT MAAG CHIEF HAS BEEN EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE IN KEEPING EMBASSY WELL CLUED-IN. CABLE TRAFFIC ATTACHED TO YOUR LETTER, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS SHARED WITH EMBASSY WHICH DID NOT OBJECT TO MAAG INQUIRING AS TO RELEASIBILITY OF LASER GUIDANCE KIT INFORMATION. ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL EXCEPTIONS DO OCCUR FROM TIME TO TIME, MAAG UNDER ITS PRESENT CHIEF DOES NOT STIMULATE GROC REQUESTS FOR EXOTIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS. FAULT MUCH MORE OFTEN LIES WITH AMERICAN CIVILIAN ARMS SALESMEN WHO CONTACT GROC PURCHASING MISSION IN US OR GOVT HERE.

2. I KNOW THAT EVEN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON EXOTIC OR HIGH TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS, LET ALONE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROCUREMENT, CAN SET THE STORM SIGNALS FLYING. WE DO ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM FRONTALLY IN TAIPEI 5430, STATING OUR VIEW IN PART ONE OF THAT MESSAGE THAT WHEN THERE IS NO OTHER REASONABLE MEANS OF COUNTERING A
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REAL THREAT, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RECOMMEND ACQUISITION

OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS. WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO
LASER GUIDANCE KITS, MISSION SECURITY COMMITTEE BELIEVES
THAT A LIMITED, CAREFULLY CONTROLLED PROCUREMENT -- PRI-
MARILY FOR TRAINING PURPOSES TO FAMILIARIZE ROCAF WITH USE --
IS JUSTIFIABLE.
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